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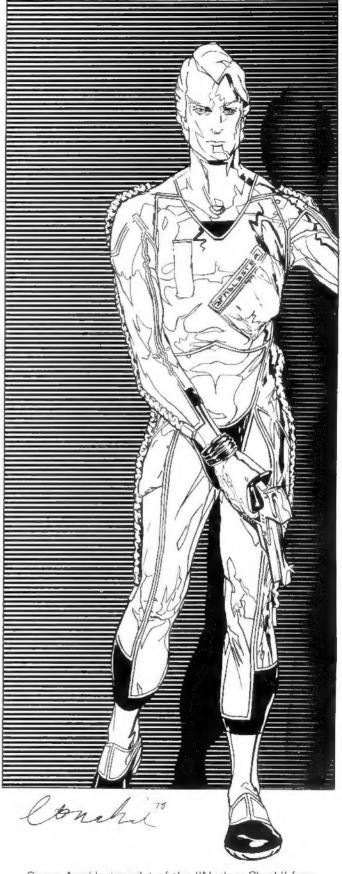
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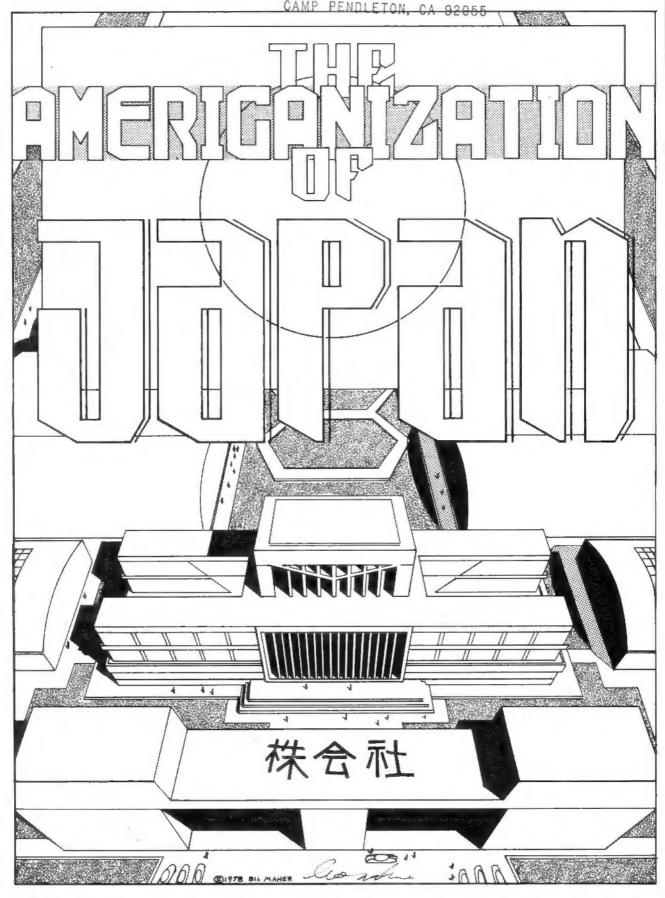
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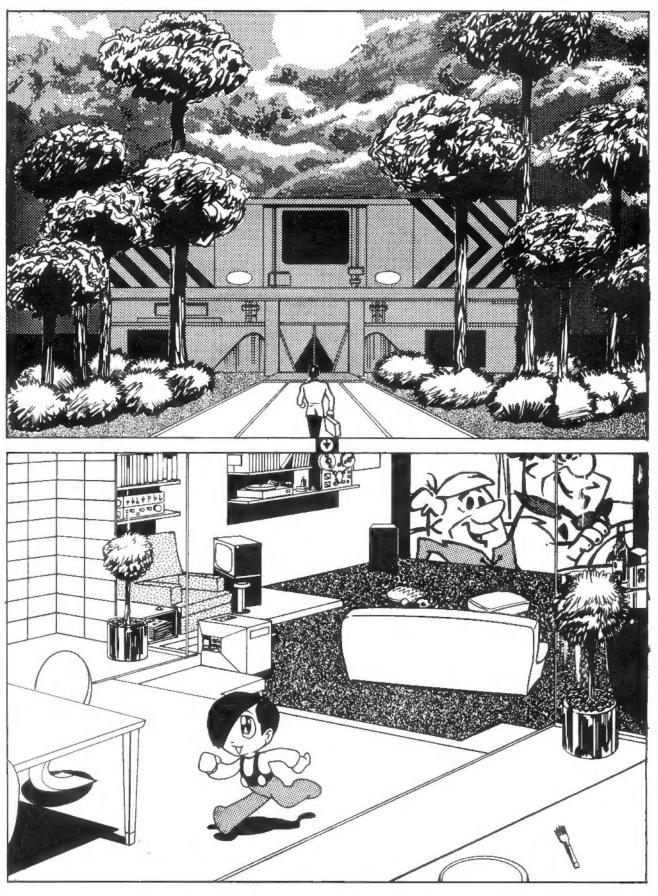
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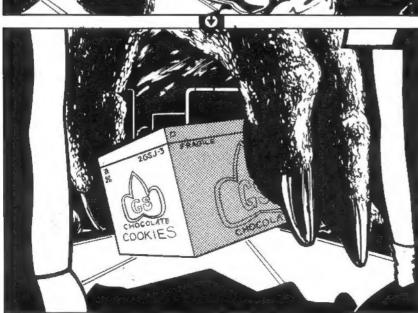








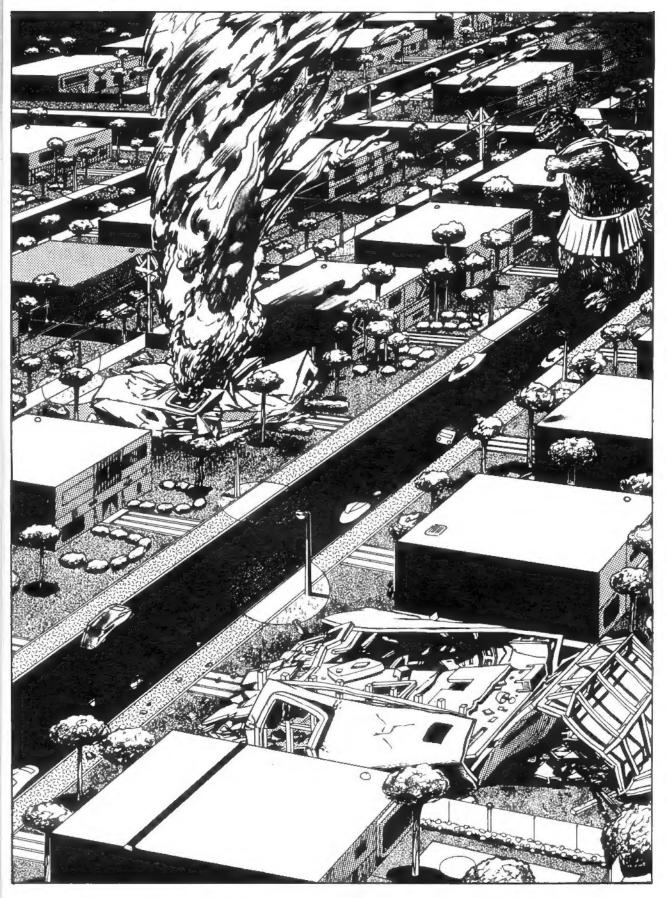






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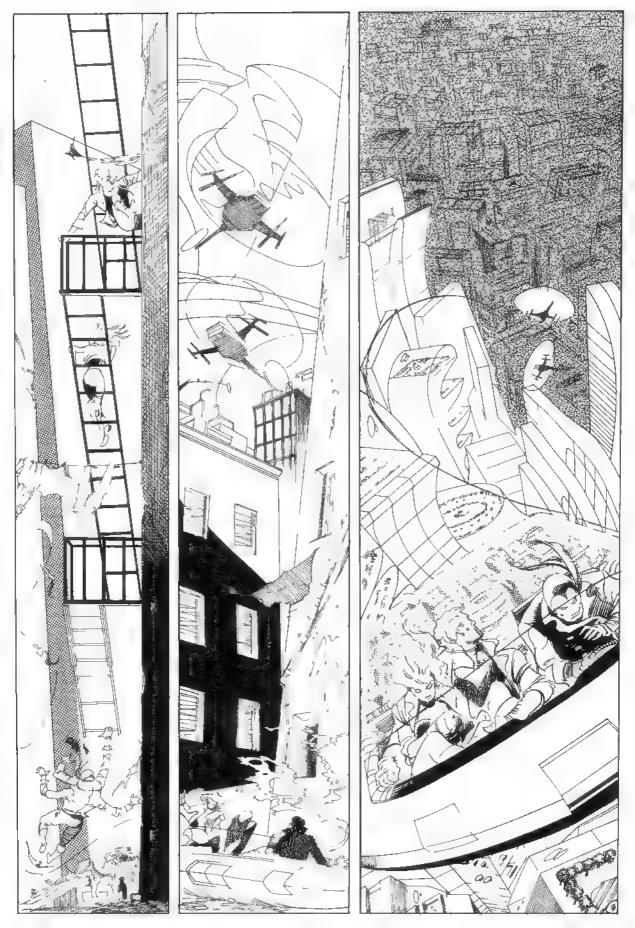


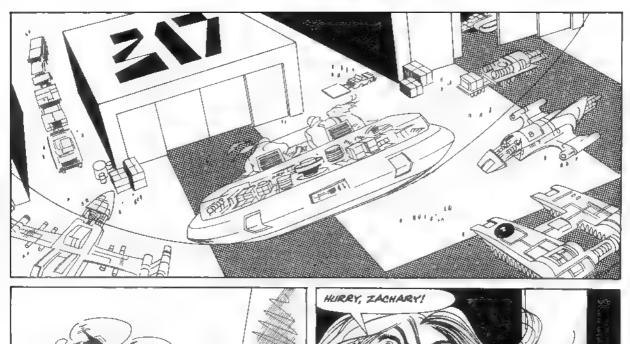


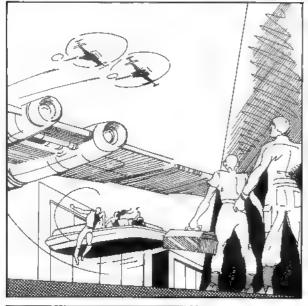




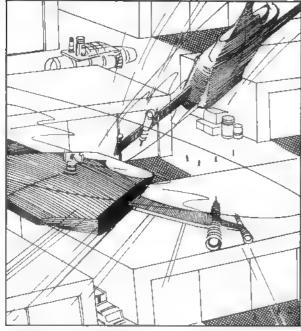






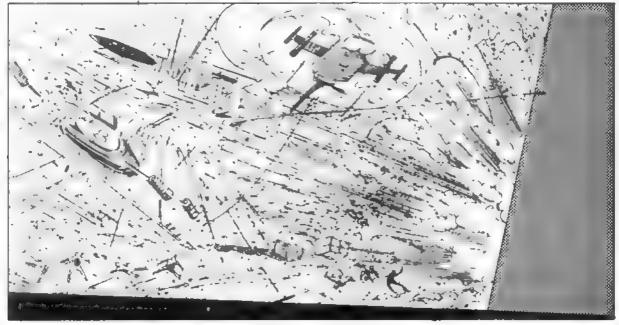




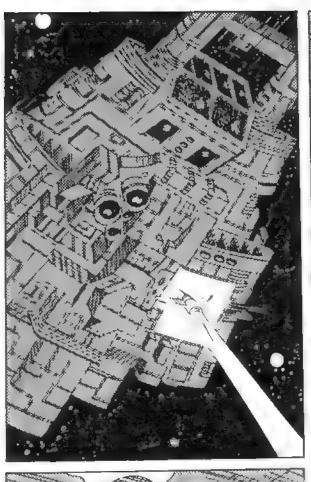


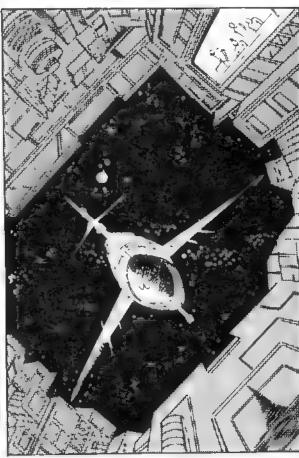


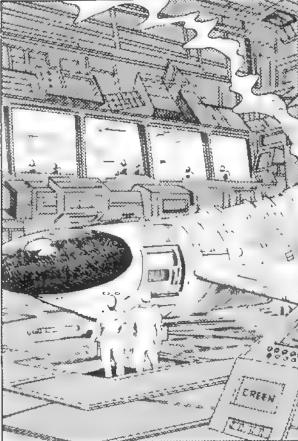




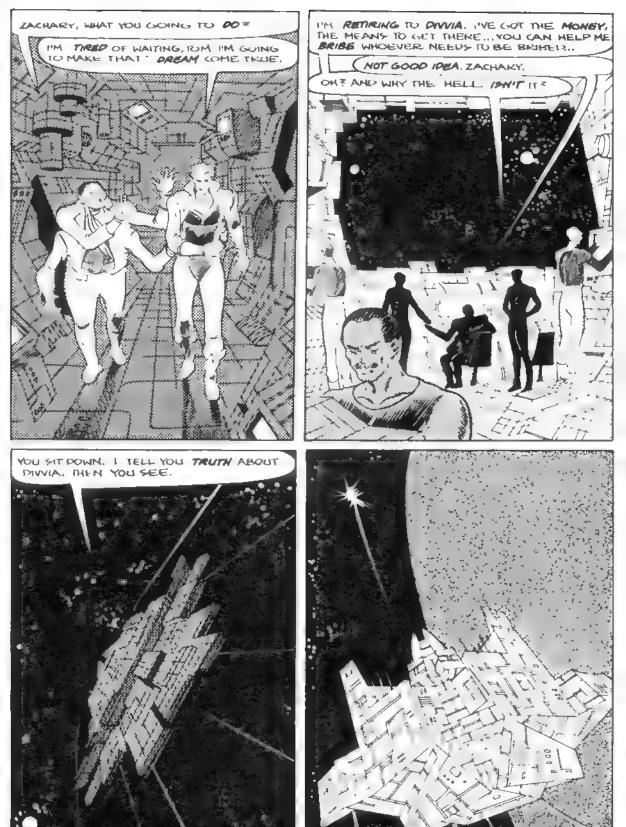


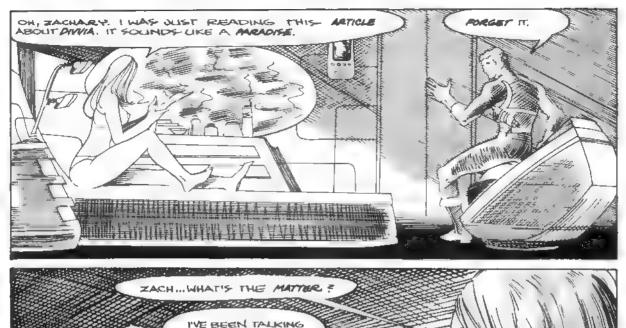


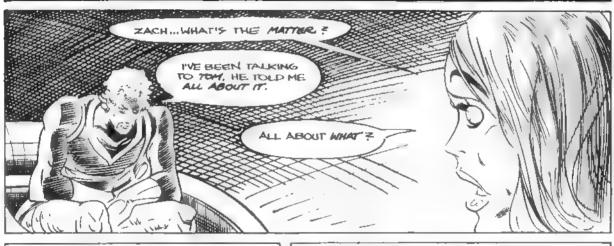




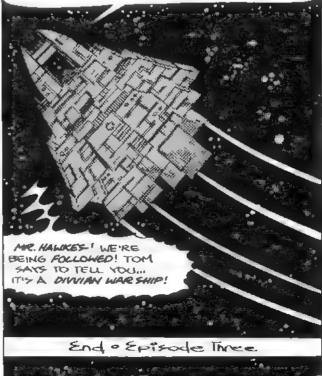












AND WHAT'S WORSE, I'VE BEEN HELPING THEM DO IT!

DEL CATE HEART SURGERY- FROM THE INSIDE! NOT ONLY WITH MINIATURE INSTRUMENTS, BUT WITH THE SURGEONS THEMSELVES REDUCED TO THE SIZE OF A TINY MICROBE

HEABTHELT THANKS

THE BRANCH LINE
TO THE PULMONARY
ARTERY MUST REACH
THE HEART BEFORE
MINIATUR SATION
WEARS OFF

DAMN THESE BACTERIA!

AND JIM, WOULD YOU MAKE THESE ALTERATIONS IN MY WILL? I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE HEART FUND \$1,000,000 AND DRIGHTFITH'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL \$2,000,000

CERTAINLY, MR FORBES I'M SURE DR GRIFF TH WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL OR WOULD HE?

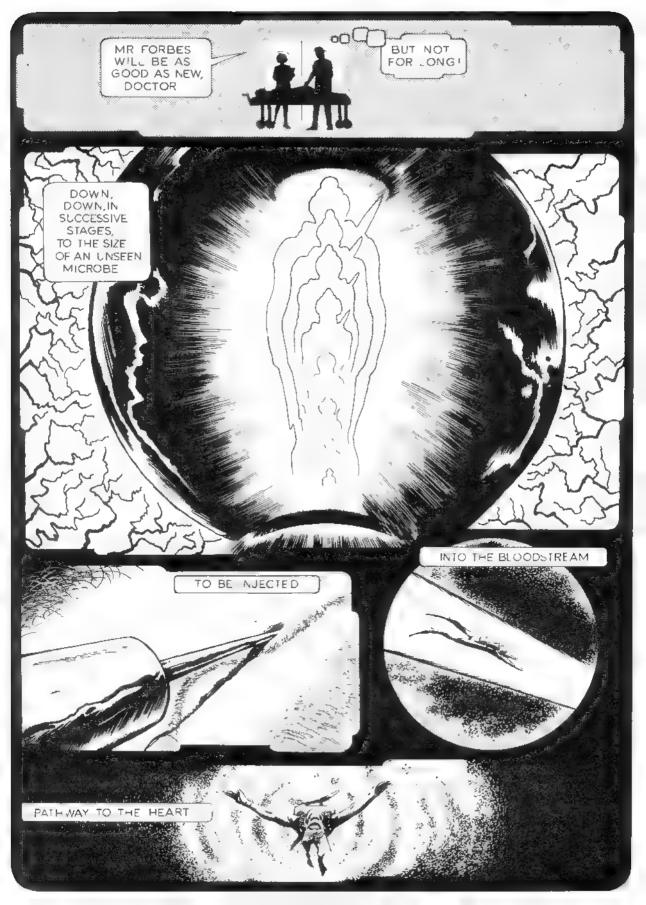
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I MUST FINISH MY WORK

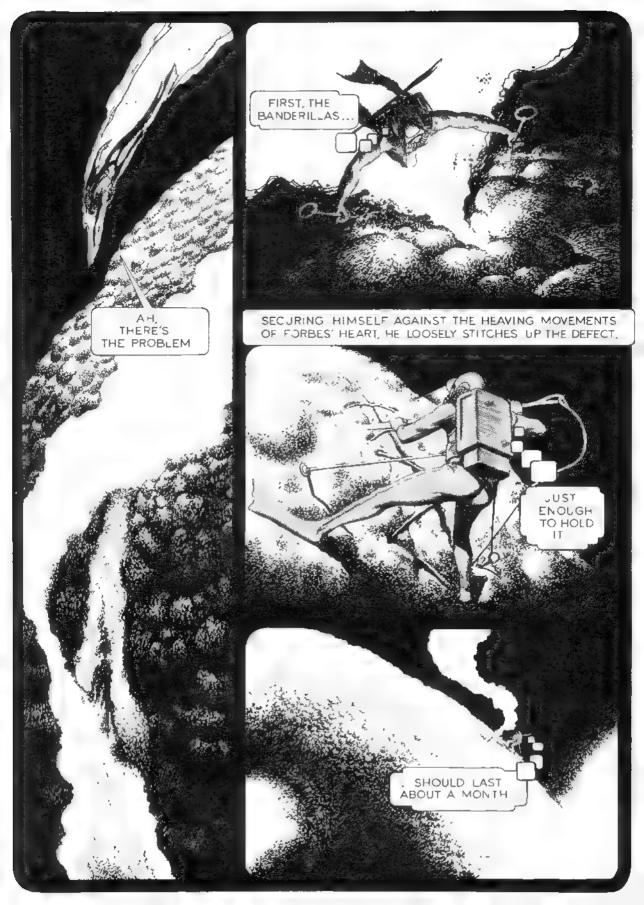
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VITAL TO
THE HOSP TAL
TO THE
WORLDI

GRATEFUL













EDIT PRIAL

Welcome to Issue Number Eight of Hot Stuf'.

As editorials go, this is going to be a relatively short one. There is so much going on at one time, I want to single out the most immediate and important tidbits first, and let you guess the rest.

Item number one - In a very short time from the date of this publication, Sal Q Productions, which would include myself, and my able staff, are moving! Due to the vast support you have given both Hot Stuf' and my other related products, I am forced to find larger pastures. Not that I'm blaming you... I'm going to enjoy the move It'll mean a new expansion, which means more new material that I can produce for you. Seems like a fair bargain. I'll still be in Brooklyn (Heartland of America) but at a new location. Watch for the big announcement in the Buyer's Guide, The Comics Journal, and other related media.

Item number two - Subscriptions, or cause and effect. With my big move to new headquarters, I will finally, at the request of many letters, offer subscriptions! For those poor souls out in the tiny boondocks, with no distributor near enough, or for the clever among you, who wish their copies of the latest Hot Stuf' quick and in a hurry - your time is coming! Hang in there for a little while longer, while I set things up.

Item number three - Mail Order Again, with the move, comes the appartunity to do some real hot merchandise. How to sell this merchandise quickly, so I can produce some more? Mail order my son, mail order! Any of you out there who has every ordered anything from the ad pages in the back, know how well my packages brave the nastiest postal clerks. It has taken some people over 10 minutes to open one of my mailings! The reason my basic mistrust of the Post Office and the reaction I would have if a book I sent for was late or mangled to death. If you've trusted me enough to send an order, how can I send it any other way but bullet proof? But anyway, be aware that I'll be offering free catalogs at various times of the year, and that you would be a silly person indeed, if you didn't send for one

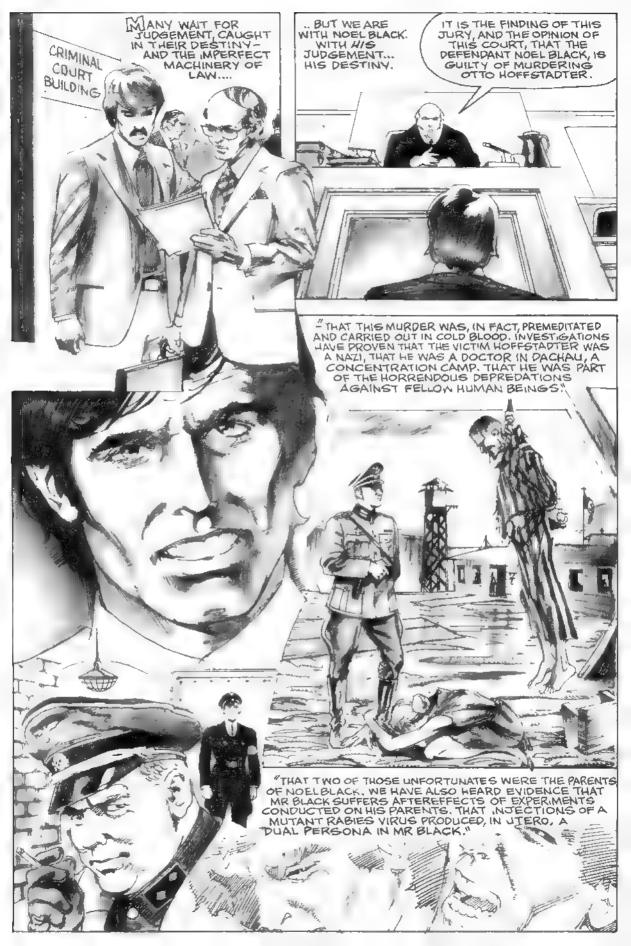
Item number four - Upcoming saues. In production now, for Issue Number Nine, is a cover by Neal Adams and Rich Corben, and stories and art by Ernie Colon, Mike Nasser, Bil and Nish Maher, John Byrne, Terry Austin, Steve Grant, and a whole cast of others Big News!!! The tong-awaited saga of the Scarecrow! Hinted and previewed in past issues of Hot Stuf¹, this wild and fantastic story by Bil and Nish Maher will be featured

For **Isaue Ten**, let's just say it's a special issue to me. It'll feature a new look, and a couple of surprises that will make you glad you're part of the group!

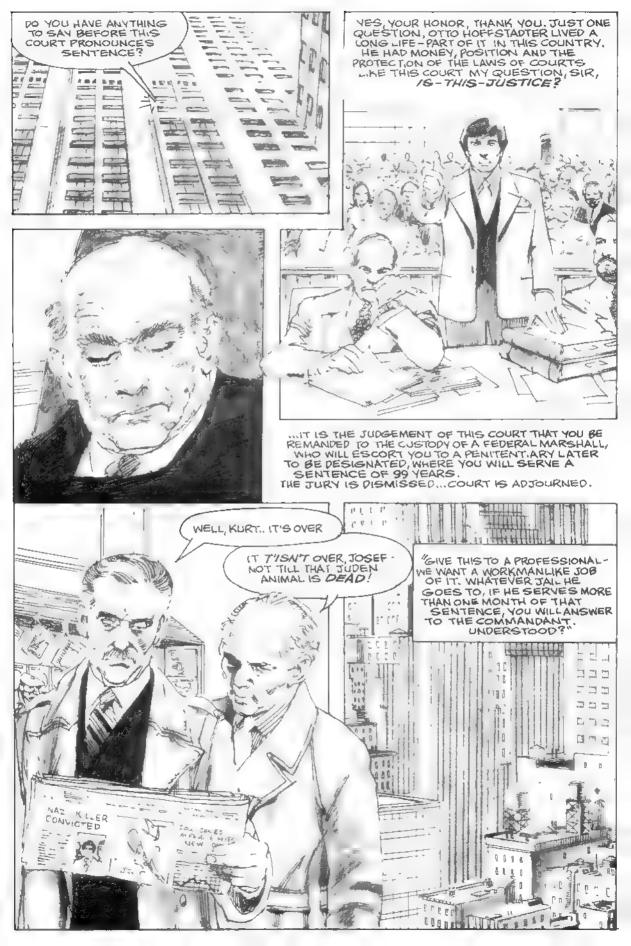


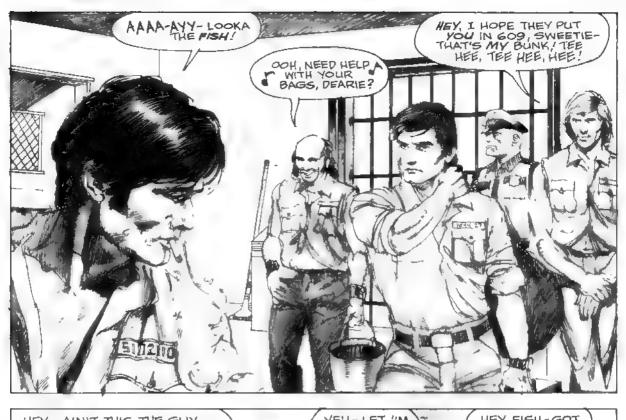
Did I say this editorial was going to be short? Oh well, just remember, it's only a hint of things to come So be on the alert, and watch the ads. And thank you for being a supporter of what I do. I really appreciate it.

Sal Quartuccio

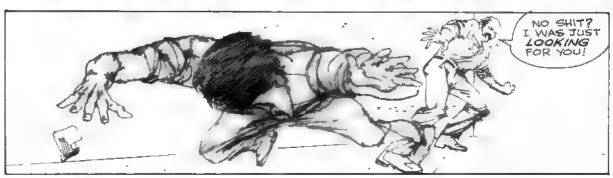




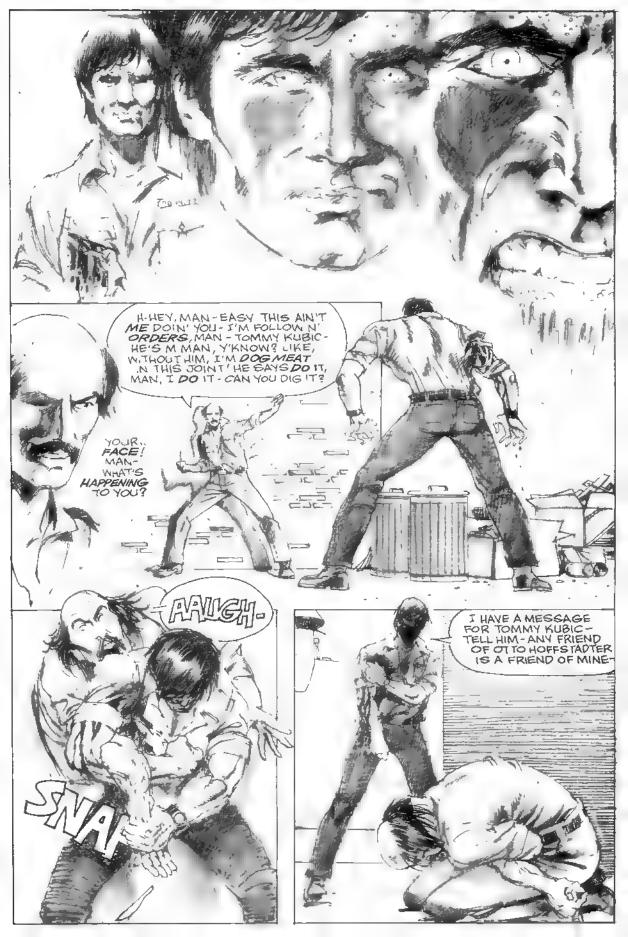






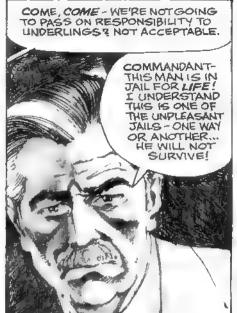












"I CANNOT BELIEVE IT-YOU PON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU? THIS IS A MATTER OF PRIDE .- THIS JUDEN IS A WORTHY ADVERSARY, HE MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO ROT IN JAIL. IN MEMORY OF OUR KAMARADEN, HE MUST MEET A VIOLENT __END "

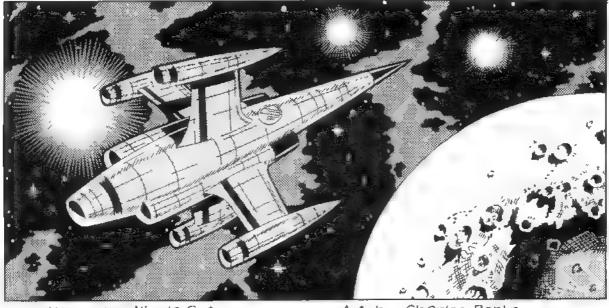






AWARE OF WHERE HE HAS BEEN,
OR WHAT MIGHT BE BEFORE HIM ...
STEALTHILY, HE MOVES TOWARDS AN
UNCERTAIN FUTURE, IN SEARCH OF
THE SINGLE MEANINGFUL FORCE IN
HIM ... THE KILL ...

STARBLIND



Verse by Nicola Cuti

Art by Charles Roblin

The stars are a sight to see in the night But travelers take care where you gaze. Turn, if you can, from Adebaran, Shun the shine of Orion's Betelgeuze

For your eyes' health ignore Pollux and Castor, As your starship passes their way An unshielded stare at Akmar or Alhair, Will mean darkness the rest of your days





'BOARD THE LINER, CAPRI, THERE WAS

ZEE, JON AND ME

HAULING FOLK FROM MIRFAK TO MARS

WE PULLED IN FOR FUEL ON A

PLANET CALLED JEWEL

AND MET THE OLD MAN OF THE STARS

A RUM SOAKEP OLD FREAK,

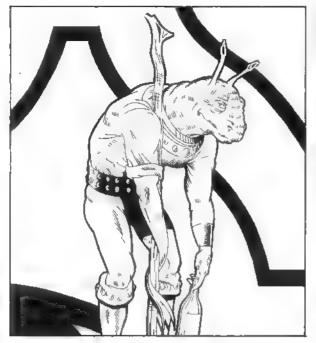
I SWEAR HIS JOINTS CREAKED,

A CREATURE HALF LIZARD, HALF MAN.

HE WOKE FROM A SNOOZE

JUST TO BEG US FOR BOOZE.

HE TOLD US HIS NAME, IT WAS SAM

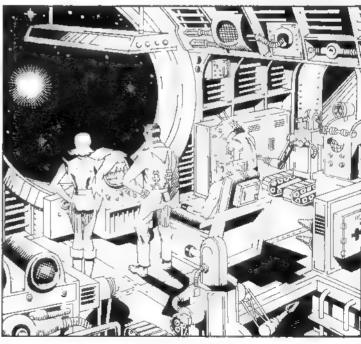




HE HAD HARD, LUMPY SKIN, A SARDONICUS GRIN, ONE HAND AND A THING LIKE A SNAKE HIS EYELIDS WERE MADE, AN INNER FOR SHADE, AN OUTER ONE, THICK AND OPAQUE.

SAM WAS HUMAN, WE LEARNED, TILL AN ALIEN GERM REMOLDED HIS FORM TO REPTILE. HE NEVER WENT HOME, WHERE IT IS UNKNOWN, HE ABANDONED HIS WIFE AND HIS CHILD

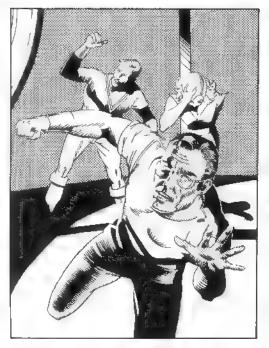


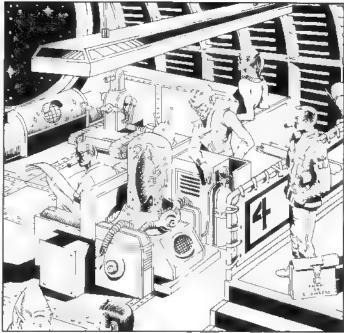


IT WAS BETTER, HE SIGHED,
IF WE'D LEAVE HIM TO DIE
BUT ZEE VIOLENTLY DISAGREED.
SHE BEGGED US TO TAKE HIM ON BOARD,
FOR HER SAKE
SO WE DID, BUT RELUCTANTLY.

HALLOWEEN THE CAPRI APPROACHED ANTARES. POLARIZED SHIELDS ROLLED IN PLACE WE WATCHED THE SHOW

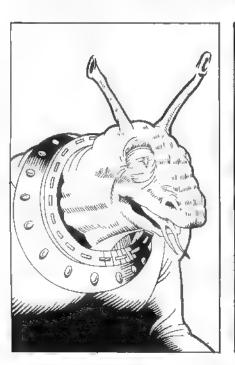
OF THE STAR'S FLICKERING GLOW FOR HERE WAS THE THEATRE OF SPACE.

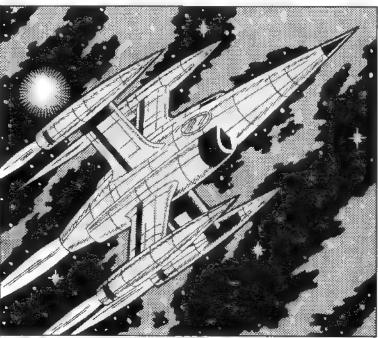




AT THAT VERY HOUR OUR GOOD LUCK TURNED SOUR, CREATING ONE HELL OF A PLIGHT AN ELECTRICAL SHORT PROPPED THE SHIELDS FROM THE PORTS

ON THE PASSENGER DECK THEY BEGAN TO SUSPECT THAT SOMETHING WASN'T QUITE RIGHT, BUT THEY NEVER KNEW THEY HAD A BLIND CREW OF THE BRIDGE WE WERE FLOODED WITH LIGHT . CEPT FOR SAM WHO STILL HAD HIS SIGHT.





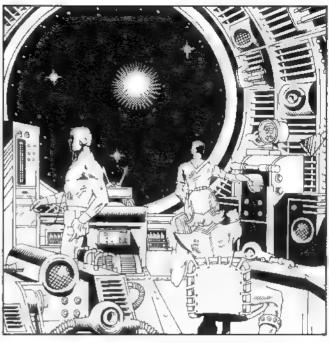
HIS SHADED EYELIDS HAD INSTANTLY SLID OVER EACH OF HIS BULBOUS EYEBALLS STAY AT YOUR STATIONS!

BEEN IN WORSE SITUATIONS THOUGH RIGHT NOW NOT A ONE I RECALL!" WE WERE HURTLING THROUGH SPACE IN ANTARES EMBRACE ONLY SAM SEEMED TO BE WITHOUT FEAR. "PON'T GO JUMPIN' NO FENCES.

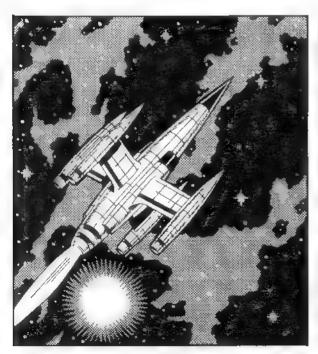
YA STILL GOT FOUR SENSES AND ME IN THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR"



"THE INSTRUMENTS SING
THE PITCH OF THEIR PING
SHOULD TELL YOU A SECRET OR TWO
LISTEN HARD," HE STRESSED
AND A SCREEN COALESED
AND THE BLIPS WITH THEIR PHOSPHOROUS HUE.



THE VISION WAS CLEAR AND I ACTUALLY DARED TO BELIEVE IN A CHANCE TO SURVIVE. JON AND ZEE FELT IT TOO AND WE DID WHAT WE DO. ONCE AGAIN THE BRIDGE WAS ALIVE.



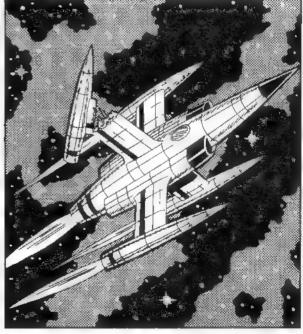
WE LET THE SHIP RIDE

WITHIN THE STAR'S TIPE

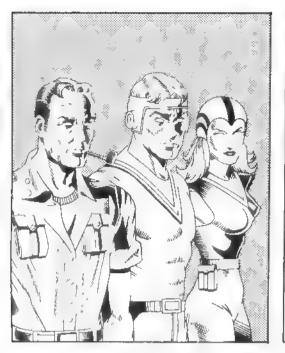
OUR LOCATION I PLOTTED WITH CARE
AS MOMENTUM WAS GAINING,

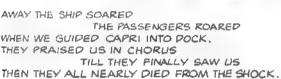
THE PYLONS WERE STRAINING;

I WORRIED THE METAL WOULD TEAR.



WHEN WE KICKED IN FULL THRUST
I THOUGHT WE WOULD BUST.
THE DORSAL FIN BUCKLED AND BENT.
WE LOST A PONTOON BUT BEFORE VERY SOON
FAR FROM THE STAR WE WERE SENT.







THOUGH OUR SAGA SEEMS SAD,

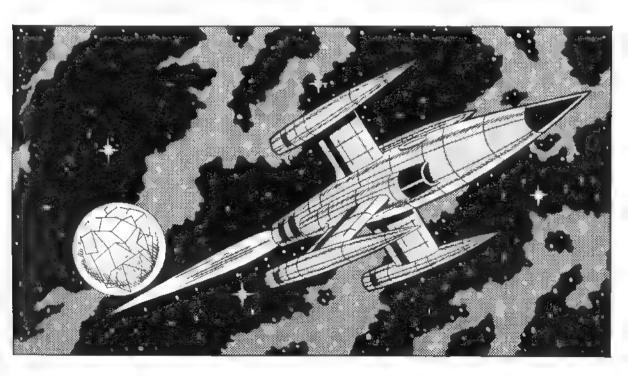
THINGS AREN'T SO BAD

FOR THE LIZARD AND HIS SIGHTLESS CREW.

WE'RE JUST HAULIN' FREIGHT

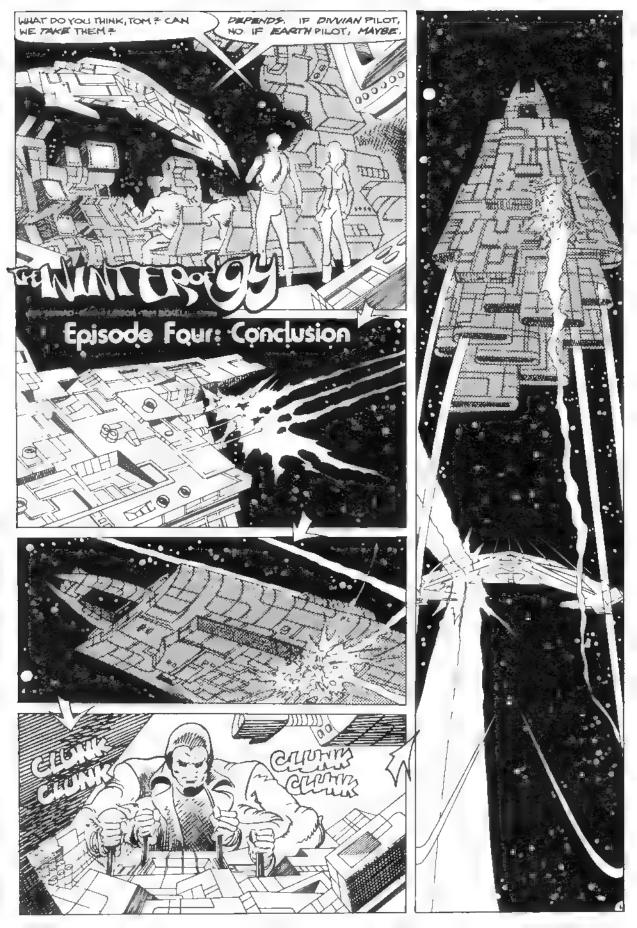
BUT WE'RE POIN' REAL GREAT.

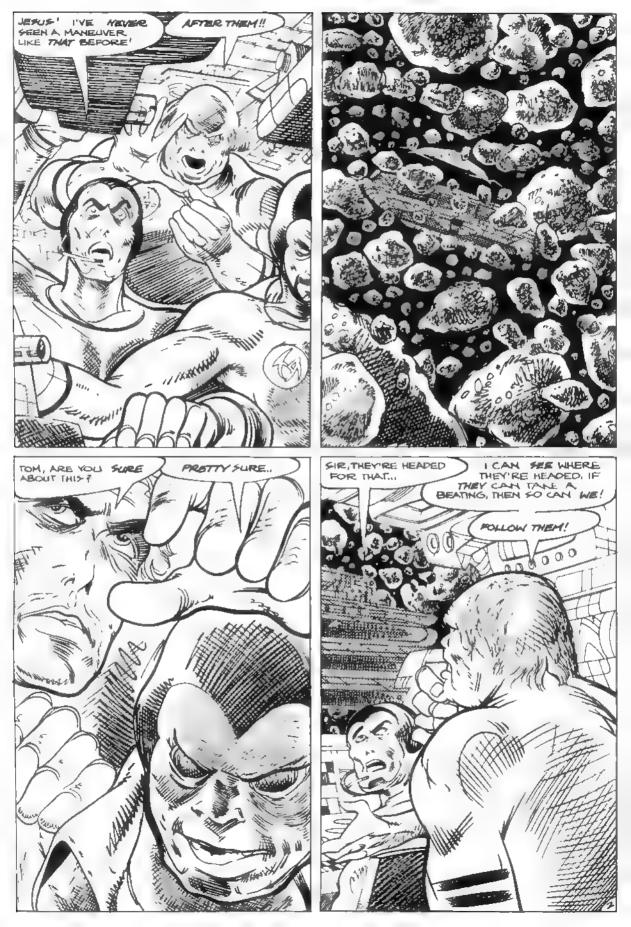
OUT IN SPACE WE CAN SEE GOOD AS YOU

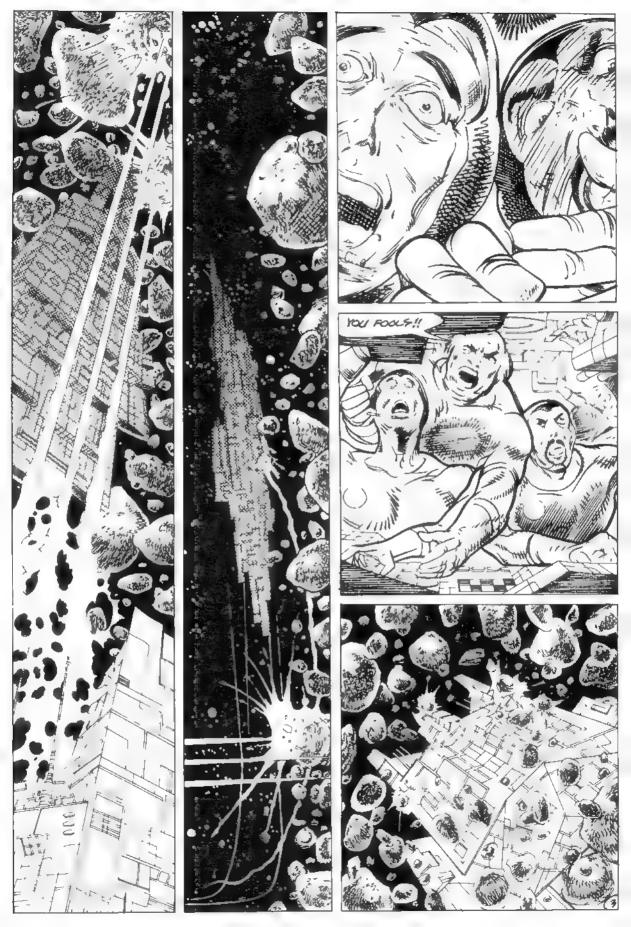


The stars are a sight to see in the night But travelers take care where you gaze. Turn your view if you can, from Aidebaran, shun the shine of Orion's Betelgeuze.

For your eye's health ignore Pollux and Castor, As your starship passes their way. An unshielded stare, at Akamar or Alnair, Will mean darkness the rest of your days.



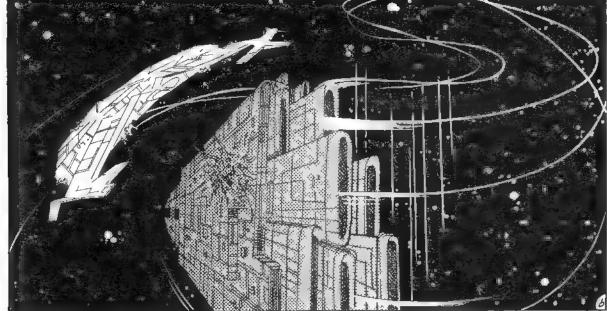


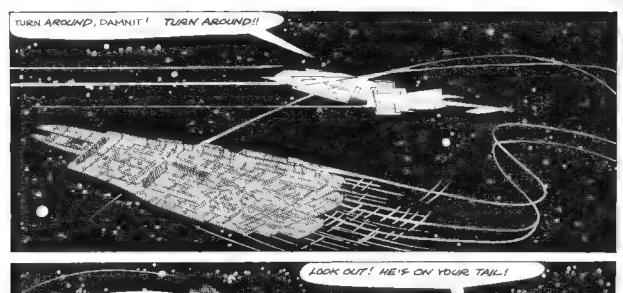


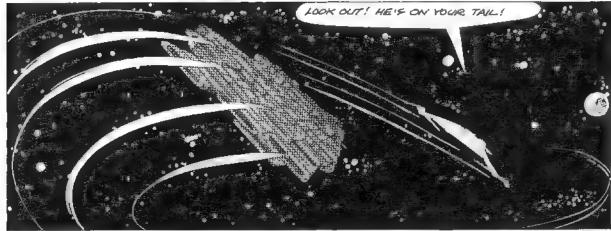




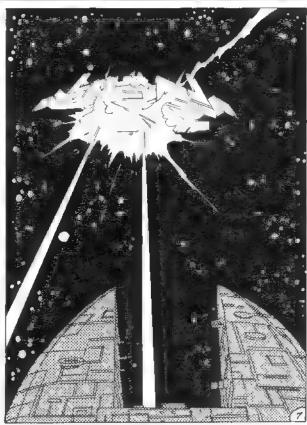


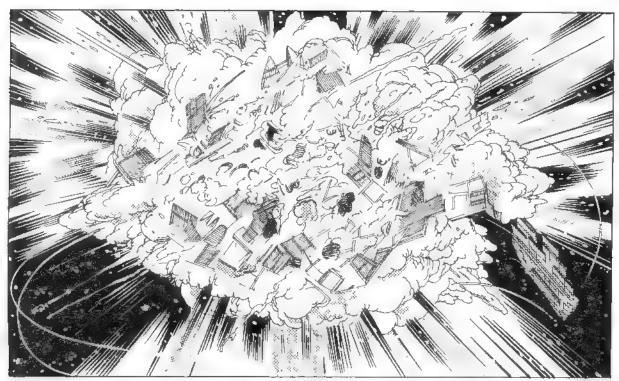


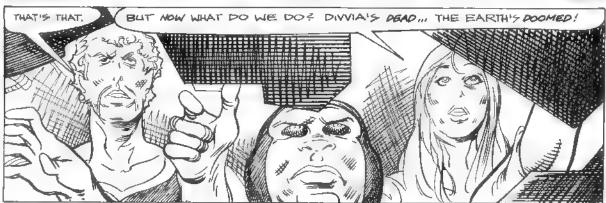
















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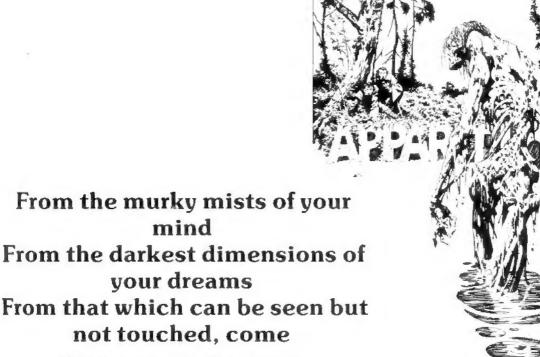
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